



The Pony Club Achievement Badges



Handling and Grooming Workbook



Identify which of the following statements are correct.

- You should only handle a pony if you feel confident to do so Yes No
- Ideally you should always lead a pony in a bridle, especially if you do not know the pony very well Yes No
- Small ponies are less unpredictable than big horses Yes No
- It is advisable to tie a pony up before grooming them Yes No
- Watching a pony 'trot up' is useful for assessing lameness Yes No
- If you are handling a pony then you don't need to do up the chin strap on your riding hat Yes No





With reference to health and safety when handling a horse or pony, discuss any good points or bad points that you can identify in this picture.

Answer: _____

Are the following points good or bad when leading a pony?



	Good or Bad ?		Good or Bad ?
Wear hat and gloves		Turn towards Leader	
Lead in a Bridle		Waving the whip	
Shouting at the pony		Lead at pony`s shoulder	
Facing the pony		Hold the reins / lead rein correctly	
Turn away from Leader		Pulling pony	

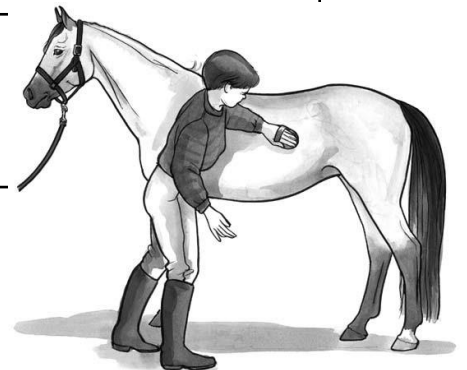
Handling log sheet

Ask an adult to observe and confirm that you are able to safely and competently carry out each of the handling tasks below. Complete the log sheet as evidence.

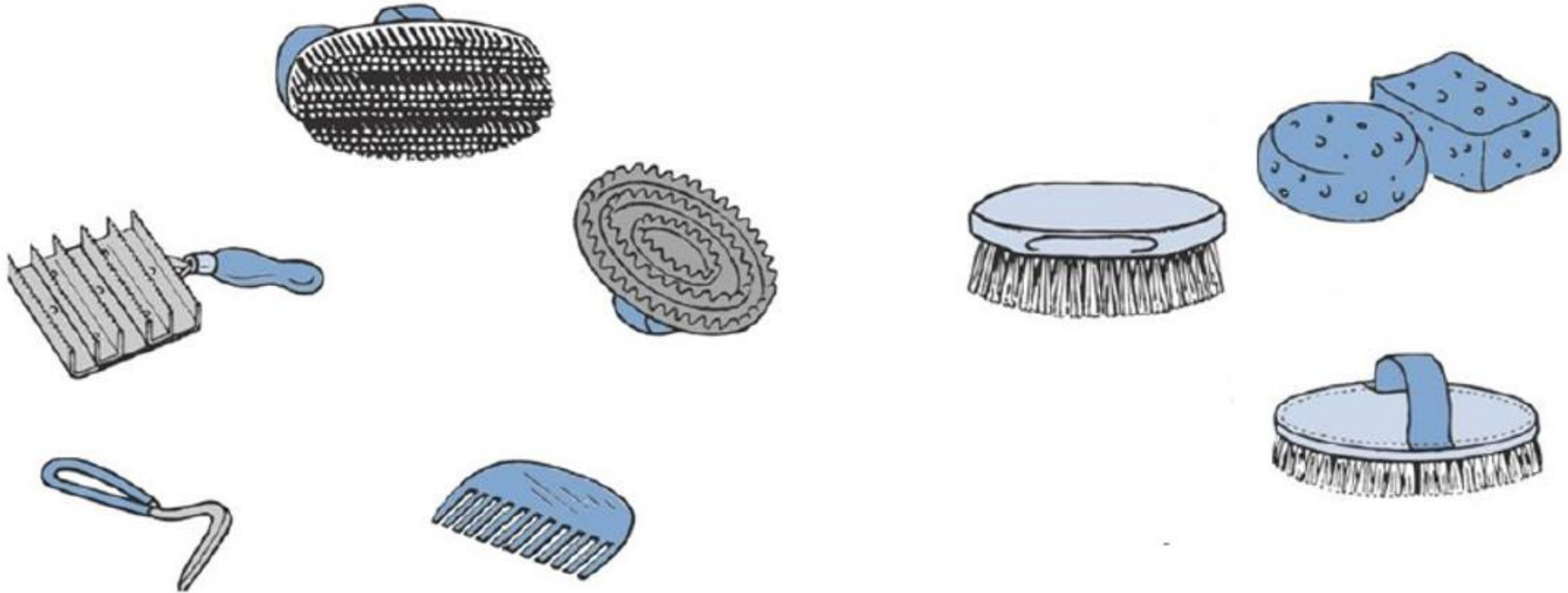
Handling task	Date	Confirmation of safe and competent performance	Adult's signature and comments
Wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for handling a pony		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lead a pony in hand		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Trot up a pony in hand		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Turn a pony correctly (away from handler)		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tie up a pony correctly using a quick release knot		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

List five reasons for grooming a pony.

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Name each of these items of grooming kit.



Match each item of grooming kit to its correct function.

Dandy Brush

Metal Curry Comb

Mane Comb

Hoof Pick

Sponge

Plastic Curry Comb

Body Brush

Rubber Curry Comb

This needs to be used everyday to pick out your pony's feet.

This is a nice soft brush and it is used to remove dust from your pony's coat. This brush can also be used to brush your pony's mane and tail.

This brush is used to remove dirt and dust from a body brush. DO NOT ever use this brush on your pony!!!

This brush is used to remove dry mud, sweat, and loose hair from your pony's body. DO NOT use this brush on your pony's legs or face.

This brush is used to remove dry mud, sweat, and loose hair from your pony's body. This brush can also be used to give your pony a massage. DO NOT use this brush on your pony's legs or face.

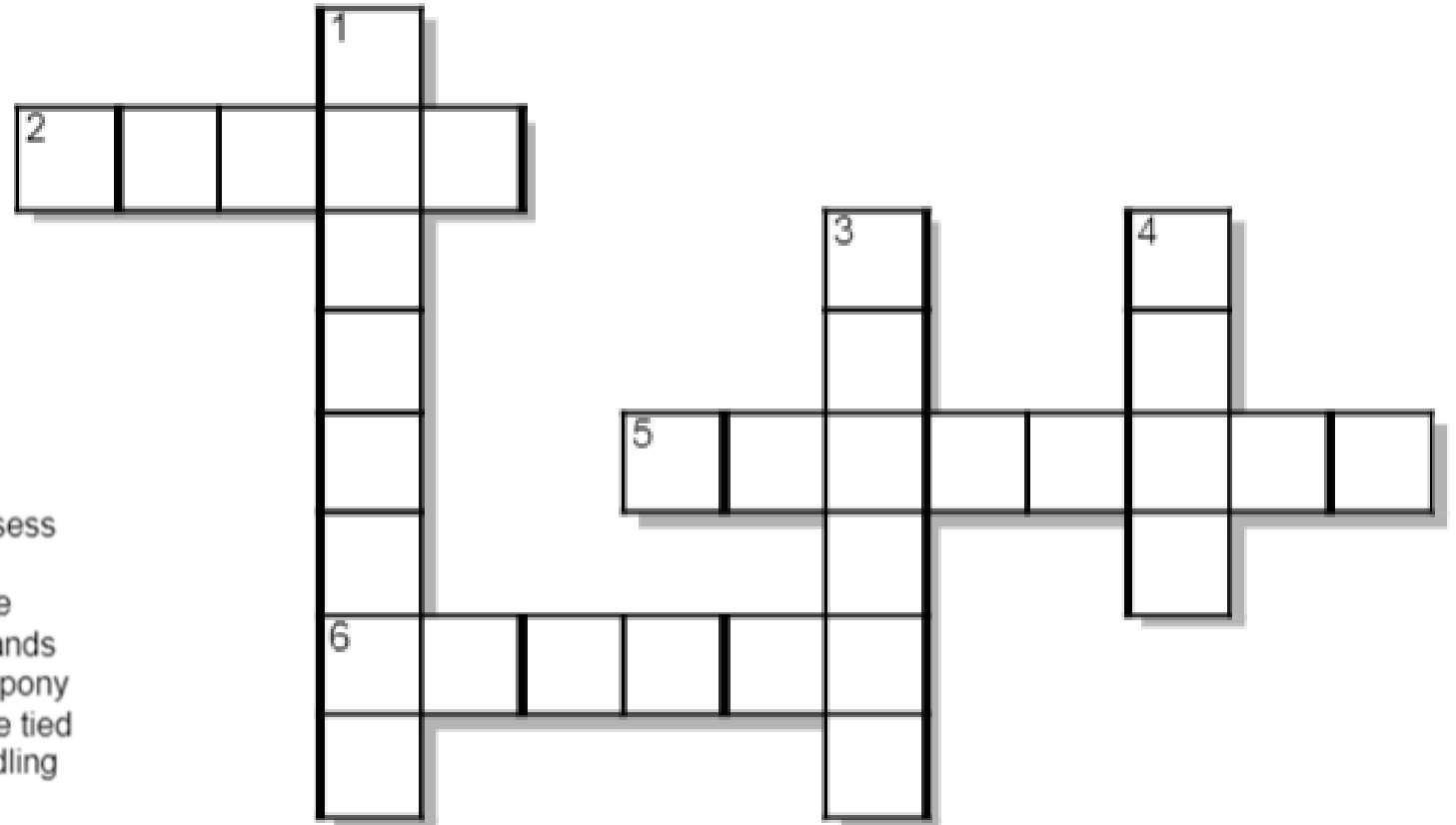
This brush is used to remove dry mud and dirt from your pony's body and legs.

This is used to wash your pony. You should have a number of different ones for the different areas of your pony's body.

This can be used to comb your pony's mane.

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Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 The type of curry comb that should NEVER be used on a pony's body
- 5 Used to remove mud and stones from a pony's foot
- 6 Used to wash a pony

DOWN

- 1 Trotting up is a good way to assess this
- 3 These should be worn on your hands when leading a pony
- 4 This needs to be tied back when handling a pony